President's High Growth Job Training Initiative

College of Eastern Utah/Southeast Applied Technology College Energy Training Center

Grant Amount: \$2,737,804

Grantee: The College of Eastern Utah (CEU)

Key Partners: Southeastern Utah Energy Producers Association, Utah Department of Workforce Services, and Utah Division of Rehabilitation Services, Eastern Utah District

Leveraged Amount: \$3,197,176

Location of Grant Activities: Price, Utah

Challenge:

Eastern Utah, rich in oil and natural gas, is home to several electric-power plants, and has long been among the nation's leading coal producing states. Due to growing global demand for energy, an evolving labor force, and the increasingly technical nature of the industry, Eastern Utah's energy industry employers need workers in greater numbers and workers need more advanced skills to meet industry needs. Presently, there are very few institutions that offer training in multiple energy sectors and skill levels.

Addressing the Challenge:

The College of Eastern Utah and its partners will consolidate training programs common to multiple sectors of the energy industry. Foundational courses will include safety, instrumentation, and technical/skills certification. Courses also will be offered to Hispanic and American Indian populations in their native languages. Upon completion of the initial curriculum, additional training tailored to mining, power generation, and the oil and gas industry careers will be provided. Training will be accomplished through classroom instruction at the CEU Energy Center, its satellite and sister campuses, as well as through hands-on experience at the Center's on-site mine and other employer-chosen work sites.

Projected Outcomes:

- 3,600 trained workers and the capacity to train up to 2,100 people annually;
- Curriculum that will teach the energy industry's core competencies leading to a
 knowledge base transferable across multiple energy industry sectors and aiding
 employees looking to enhance their skills for promotion or career changes; and
- Create a conduit among local, state and federal workforce agencies and the energy industry to more effectively leverage workforce system resources to meet industry needs.

